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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles - LA City Council Votes to Ban "Ghost Guns"

(U) Los Angeles joined a growing list of California cities that are cracking down on ghost guns, with the City Council voting unanimously to ban the untraceable firearms. The ordinance bans the possession, sale, purchase, receipt or transportation of firearms without serial numbers, as well as the parts used to make them. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) confiscated 813 ghost guns in 2020. During the first months of 2021, 1780 ghost guns — more than double last year's total — were seized by the LAPD. Ghost guns have been used in 24 murders, eight attempted murders, 60 assaults with a deadly weapon and 20 robberies this year.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, LA Times

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Arrest More than 80 Undocumented Migrants Inside Stash House

(U Laredo – US Border Patrol Agents, along with Department of Public Safety state troopers and Web County deputies, located a stash house and apprehended more than 80 undocumented individuals in south Laredo. Law enforcement officers responded to suspicious activity involving the transportation of undocumented individuals to a stash house in the south part of the city. US Customs and Border Protection advised all the migrants were medically screened before being processes accordingly. The migrants were from the countries of Honduras, Belize, Peru, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico including three unaccompanied children.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, CBS DFW

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Revokes Terrorist Designation for FARC

(U) Washington – The United States government revoked its designation of the Colombian group the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a foreign terrorist organization five years after it reached a peace deal with the Colombian government. The 2016 peace accord ended the FARC's part in the Andean country's decades old internal armed conflict, which left millions displaced and more than 260K dead. Removing the terrorist designation will make it easier for the US to support the implementation of the accord. The Colombian government welcomed the US action.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, Reuters

(U) District of Columbia - Wife of Kingpin 'El Chapo' Sentenced to Three Years

(U) Washington – Federal authorities sentenced the wife of notorious Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to three years in prison for her role in helping his Sinaloa cartel. The suspect pleaded guilty in June to charges ranging from conspiracy to illegal drug distribution. She also admitted to

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helping Guzman escape from a Mexican prison. Charges could have led to life in prison, but prosecutors asked for a shorter sentence after she express remorse. Her husband, "El Chapo" Guzman is currently serving a life sentence in Colorado.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, BBC

(U) Georgia – Officer Killed Responding to Domestic Violence Call

(U) Atlanta – A police officer was killed by an armed suspect while responding to a domestic violence call yesterday in Atlanta, authorities said. Three others, including the suspected gunman, died in related incidents. The Clayton County Police Department received multiple calls about possible gunfire, domestic violence and people injured at a residence at 8:40 p.m., Chief Kevin Roberts said during a press conference today. Upon arriving at the residence, "they were immediately engaged by a male suspect who was armed with a handgun and fired upon them," Roberts said. The officers took cover and the suspect fled to the rear of the residence, where he was met by tactical units. According to police, the suspect opened fire, striking two officers.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, NBC News

(U) Georgia - Man Accused of Firing Gun at Atlanta Airport Turns Self In

(U) Atlanta – Authorities advise a man accused of accidentally firing a gun in his bag at the Atlanta airport, causing temporary chaos and prompting a temporary ground stop on flights, has turned himself in to the Clayton County jail. The suspect, who was pulled aside for a secondary search at a security checkpoint, lunged for the gun in his bag causing it to go off. The suspect faces multiple charges including carrying a weapon or long gun at a commercial airport, reckless conduct, discharging a firearm on property of another and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The firearm injured no one, but the discharge caused chaos at the airport.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, MSN News

(U) Michigan – School Shooting Leaves Three Students Dead, Six Injured

(U) Kalamazoo – Three students were killed and six other people wounded when a 15-year old student allegedly opened fire at Oxford High School in Michigan. Of the injured victims, five are students and one is a teacher. Authorities advised the shooting lasted five minutes and the teen suspect surrendered to sheriff's deputies after firing at least 15 rounds. No other shooters were involved. Authorities declined to discuss any preliminary details concerning the background of the shooter, as an investigation leading up to the incident is underway.

SOURCE: 29 November 2021, <u>Twin Cities Press</u>

(U) Ohio – Man who Shot Fireworks, Threw Rocks at Officers in Protest Gets Prison Sentence

(U) Columbus – A rioter who fired commercial-grade fireworks into a group of Columbus police officers during a racial-injustice protest last year received an eight-year sentence in prison. The suspect pleaded guilty in September to three counts of felonious assault and one count each of aggravated rioting, vandalism and breaking and entering. The sentence is the most serious penalty given to anyone charged with criminal behavior during the spring and summer protests.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, Yahoo News

(U) Oklahoma - Man Wounded After Shootout with Airport Police

(U) Tulsa – Airport police in Tulsa shot and wounded a man after he opened fire on a car carrying his wife, whom he tried to confront in a parking garage after her flight landed, authorities said. The man had threatened to harm the woman late Tuesday at Tulsa International Airport, Tulsa police said. She was escorted to her brother's car by airport police, but authorities said her husband shot at them. Airport police returned fire, striking the man in the foot, said Tulsa Police Capt. Jerrod Hart. One of the

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airport officers was struck by gunfire but was wearing a protective vest that shielded him, Hart said. The man who opened fire was taken to a hospital. Authorities have not yet released his name or detailed any charges he may face.

SOURCE: 1 December 2021, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iceland – Three in Custody after Explosive Found Overnight near US Ambassador's Residence (U) Reykjavik – Authorities with the Governor's Special Forces were called to the scene of an explosive of some kind located in a container next door to the US Ambassador's residence. Three people were arrested over the case, but law enforcement has not provided if the will remain in custody. An investigation into the matter is underway, as government officials look for possible links of those arrested to the Ambassador's residence early into the investigation.

SOURCE: 30 November 2021, Frettabladid News

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